



## GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF SAINT GEORGE

Rev. Dimitrios J. Antokas, Presiding Priest

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Dear Parents and Young People of St. George:

As the waning days of Summer come upon us, I pray that you all had a restful and renewing vacation season. Time together as a family is so important and offers the opportunity to enjoy the love, acceptance, and unity a family offers. It is now time to turn our focus on a new year for our family of faith so that we can draw closer to the Lord Jesus and to one another. He is the center of our lives and the reason for all our efforts. He is our purpose and service to Him is our first priority.

The future of the Orthodox faith rests squarely with our young people. It is you, our youth, who will take up the Gospel, proclaim the love of God for His people, and work diligently to strengthen our faith family. Through our prayer life, through the life of Worship, religious education, community-building and social activities, and our outreach ministry, **you** will carry the torch of faith into the future -- one that will herald Christ's promise and hope. This requires commitment, time, and diligence. It asks for the involvement of families, not just the participation of our young people. All of us are responsible for the spiritual growth of one another. This is a call to take up that holy work.

Parents, please find the attached online registration link for Sunday School and all of our youth programs. I ask that you read it carefully and fill it out completely with the various programs in which your children will participate. Their involvement in these programs can be for them a lifeline to happiness of heart and the holy growth of their Orthodox faith -- something they will surely need in our often chaotic and confused society. Please complete the online registration form as soon as you can so that we can organize our youth programs. I thank you from my heart, for making this important spiritual investment in your children. Keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus "Let the children come unto me for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of Heaven belongs." May God give you and your family abiding peace!

Sunday School & Youth Ministries Registration:

<https://stgeorge.cbchurch.com/goto/forms/273/responses/new>

Your faithful servant in the Lord,

Rev. Dimitrios J. Antokas